

the press, and freedom of religion. And they are a bulwark against Chinese aggression in East Asia.

In December 2016, then President-elect Trump spoke on the telephone with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen. This marked the first time a U.S. President or President-elect had spoken with an ROC President since 1979. It was the right thing to do then, and it's the right thing to do now. I urge both Congress and the Trump Administration to continue its efforts to advance ties between Taiwan and the United States. America must not give in to Chinese pressure to distance ourselves from Taiwan. We have much more work to do.

I would like to thank the government and the people of Taiwan for their friendship, and I wish them a very Happy Double Ten Day.

CONGRATULATING THE YWCA FOR 160 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartiest congratulations to the YWCA for 160 years of dedicated service and steadfast advocacy on behalf of women, girls, and their families in communities throughout the country.

Throughout its distinguished history, YWCA has been a catalyst for expanding economic and educational opportunities, promoting civil rights and social justice, and preventing violence against women and girls. Each year YWCA faithfully serves over 2 million women, girls and their families through 210 local associations throughout 46 states and the District of Columbia.

One of those local associations has been serving communities in Pennsylvania's Sixth District for 110 years. YWCA Tri-County Area in Pottstown is a tremendous community asset, providing childcare, adult education and career counseling, health and wellness programs, and a variety of community events such as the Color Run to Eliminate Racism.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the significant contributions of YWCA in empowering women, aiding families, advancing equality and strengthening communities as well as extending sincere congratulations as YWCA commemorates this most memorable milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 107TH NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 107th national day of Taiwan. The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a fruitful partnership for decades, and I would like to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy National Day.

Taiwan has been a strong partner of the United States. Over the last decade, Taiwan

has shown that true democracy can be successful even in the face of challenging circumstances. Taiwan embodies strong economic growth and a respect for its people.

Our partnership has flourished thanks to a mutual commitment to democratic values and constitutional government. Through its commitment to a peaceful election process, Taiwan serves as a strong example of democracy for not only the Indo-Pacific region, but also the world. We have also made great progress in trade and economic policies. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market overall and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products.

Last year, trade missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. In September, another trade mission from Taiwan visited the United States to purchase even more agricultural goods. In fact, Taiwan is Georgia's 6th largest export market in Asia, with over \$420 million in trade. With such a long history, we look forward to continuing a positive relationship.

It is my privilege to congratulate the celebrants of the "Double Tenth Day." I am proud of our cooperation and wish Taiwan the best on this notable day.

HONORING SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues MIKE THOMPSON, JACKIE SPEIER, SALUD CARBAJAL, ANNA ESHOO, JIMMY PANETTA, BARBARA LEE, RO KHANNA, and ZOE LOFGREN, in recognition of the Save the Redwoods League's centennial anniversary. Fulfilling its ongoing mission to protect and restore California redwoods and connect people to the peace and beauty of redwood forests, the League's work ensures these iconic symbols of our great state can be treasured for generations to come.

Founded in March of 1918, the Save the Redwoods League was started by a small group of conservationists disturbed by the accelerating rate of destruction of the primeval redwood forests in northern California that held the tallest trees on earth. In response, the League committed to protecting the coast redwood and giant sequoia forests by purchasing multiple ancient groves and establishing a state or national park to protect them. Following its incorporation as a nonprofit organization in 1920, the League established a memorial redwood grove on the South Fork Eel River in 1921, the first of more than 1,000 memorial groves in California.

In addition to raising millions of dollars to establish redwood preserves, the Save the Redwoods League was a leader in the grassroots movement to create a California state parks system, lobbying for legislation and campaigning for funding of the acquisition of park land. Fifty years after the League's inception, Redwood National Park was created in 1968, in part due to the tireless advocacy of the League and its partners to protect some of the last remaining stands of uncut redwoods.

Over the last century, the Save the Redwoods League has protected more than 200,000 acres of redwood forests and helped create 66 redwood parks and reserves that inspire millions of annual visitors from around the world. Today, the League is a respected voice in science-based research and a pioneer of innovative forest-restoration work that is accelerating the transformation of young, harvested stands into the old-growth forests of the future. Through its Redwoods and Climate Change Initiative, the League's research established that old-growth redwoods store more carbon per acre than any other ecosystem in the world and play a critical role in the fight against climate change.

Save the Redwoods League, now celebrating its hundredth anniversary, has played a critical role in protecting the majestic redwood forests of California that fill us with wonder and provide a living link to the past. Throughout its next century, the League will build upon this legacy by advancing its efforts to protect the remaining old-growth redwood forests, restore younger forests to a healthier state, and connect more people to the beauty and uniqueness of California's redwoods.

Mr. Speaker, after a century of achievement and operational stability, the continuing success of the Save the Redwoods League has preserved a part of California's heritage and touched the lives of millions around the world. It is therefore appropriate that we stand together in recognition of this momentous occasion.

AMERICANS BLAME MEDIA BIAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, several Rasmussen Reports recently polled Americans on perceptions of bias in the media on specific subjects. Their surveys found the following:

The majority (52 percent) of U.S. Voters believe reporters are trying to block the president from passing his agenda, up from 44 percent a year ago.

Voters also say politics, not issues, are driving the Kavanaugh opposition. Forty-five percent, a plurality, think the opposition to Kavanaugh is "mostly due to partisan politics."

"Half of voters (47 percent) say reporters aim to defeat the Kavanaugh confirmation. . . . Just eight percent think most reporters are trying to help Kavanaugh win the Senate confirmation. . . ."

The polls' figures speak for themselves. The American people feel strongly that the media is biased. And that is not good for our country.

IN MEMORY AND CELEBRATION OF MS. JOHNNIE MAE JOHNSON

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Johnnie Mae Johnson.

Ms. Johnson was the District Leader of the 70th Assembly District in New York City. But